# Ruling regarding celebrating Valentine's Day

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**Question:**

Some people celebrate Yawm al-Hubb(Valentine's Day) o-n February 14 [the second month ofthe Christian Gregorian calendar] every year by exchanging red roses as gifts. They also dress up in red clothing, and congratulate o-ne another (on this occasion). Some sweet shops produce special sweets -red in colour - and draw hearts upon them. Some shops advertise their goods which are specially related tothis day. What is the Islaamic view [concerning the following]:1. Celebrating this day?2. Buying from these shops o-n this day?3. Selling - by shop-owners who are not celebrating -the things which are used as gifts, to those who are celebrating?(And) may Allaah reward you with all good!

**Response:** The clear evidence from the Qur.aan andSunnah - and this is agreed upon by consensus (Ijmaa')of the early generations of the Muslim Ummah -indicates that there are o-nly two 'Eeds in Islaam(days of celebration): 'Eed al-Fitr (after the fast ofRamadhaan) and 'Eed al-Adhaa (after the standing at'Arafah for pilgrimage).Every other 'Eed - whether it is coto a person, group,incident or any other occasion - is an innovated 'Eed.

It is not permissible for the Muslim people to participate in it, approve of it, make any show of happiness o-n its occasion, or assist in it in any way- since this will be transgressing the bounds of Allaah:{...and **whoever transgresses the bounds of Allaah, hehas wronged his own self**}, [Soorah at-Talaaq, Aayah 1]

If we add to this fabricated 'Eed the fact that it is o-ne of the 'Eeds of the disbelievers, it is sin upon sin. This is because it is Tashabbuh (imitation) ofthe disbelievers, and a type of Muwaalaat (loyalty) tothem. And Allaah has prohibited the believers from imitation of them and having love or loyalty for them in His Mighty Book (Qur.aan). It is also confirmed from the Prophet (sal-Allaahu `alayhe wa sallam) that he said: ***Whoever imitates a people is o-ne of them***.'Eed al-Hubb (the celebration of Valentine's Day)comes under the category of what has been mentioned here, since it is o-ne of the pagan Christian holidays.Hence it is not permissible for any Muslim, whobelieves in Allaah and the Last Day, to participate in it, approve of it, or congratulate (anyone o-n thatoccasion). o-n the contrary, it is obligatory toabandon it and stay far away from it - in response toAllaah and His Messenger, and to distance o-neself from the anger of Allaah and His punishment.Additionally, it is forbidden for a Muslim to assistor help in this 'Eed, or any other of the forbidden/illegal celebrations in any way whatsoever -whether by food or drink, selling or buying,production, gift-giving, correspondence,announcements, etc. All of these things are considered as co-operating in sin and transgression anddisobedience of Allaah and His Messenger.

Allaah, the Glorious and Most High, says:
{... **and co-operate with o-ne another in righteousness and piety, and do not co-operate in sin and**

**transgression. And fear Allaah! Verily Allaah is severe in punishment**}, [Soorah al-Maa.idah, Aayah 2]

Likewise, it is obligatory for every Muslim to adherestrictly to the Qur.aan and Sunnah in every situation- especially in times of temptations and corruption.It is incumbent that he/she understand, be aware andbe cautioned from falling into the deviations of those whom Allaah is angry with (Jews) and those who are astray (Christians) and the immoral people who have no fear of punishment - nor hope of reward - from Allaah,and who give no attention at all to Islaam.It is necessary for the Muslim to flee to Allaah, the Most High, seeking His Hidaayah (Guidance) and Thabaat(Firmness) upon the Path. Verily, there is no Guide except Allaah, and no o-ne Who can Grant Firmness except Him.And with Allaah lies all success and may Allaah send prayers and salutations upon our Prophet (sal-Allaahu`alayhe wa sallam) and his family and his companions.

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